



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)  
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

July 2025

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.  
Database as of August 4, 2025.

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

\*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

|                   | July 2025 | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Submitted         | 4,895     | 28.7%                   | 23.6%                      |
| Approved          | 2,609     | 8.3%                    | 1.5%                       |
| Rejected          | 1,167     | -11.7%                  | -17.2%                     |
| Pending           | 1,635     |                         |                            |
| 15 Days or Less   | 963       |                         |                            |
| More Than 15 Days | 963       |                         |                            |
| Total Pending     | 2,598     |                         |                            |

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

|                     |                     | July 2025 | June 2025 | May 2025 | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Approved Households | Income              | 18,266    | 18,253    | 17,475   | 0.1%                    | 4.5%                       |
|                     | Protective Services | 4,105     | 3,994     | 3,769    | 2.8%                    | 8.9%                       |
|                     | Total               | 22,367    | 22,244    | 21,241   | 0.6%                    | 5.3%                       |
| Approved Children   | Income              | 28,363    | 28,967    | 28,579   | -2.1%                   | -0.8%                      |
|                     | Protective Services | 6,774     | 6,899     | 6,917    | -1.8%                   | -2.1%                      |
|                     | Total               | 35,092    | 35,805    | 35,457   | -2.0%                   | -1.0%                      |

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

|                           |                     |              |              |              |       |       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Children Served           | Income              | 20,964       | 21,166       | 20,416       | -1.0% | 2.7%  |
|                           | Protective Services | 4,978        | 4,829        | 4,687        | 3.1%  | 6.2%  |
|                           | Total               | 25,930       | 25,986       | 25,098       | -0.2% | 3.3%  |
| Payments                  |                     | \$22,626,272 | \$23,735,373 | \$23,740,819 | -4.7% | -4.7% |
| Average Payment Per Child |                     | \$873        | \$915        | \$946        | -4.6% | -7.8% |

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

|                               | Level 1 (151-185% FPL) |              |              | Level 2 (186-215% FPL) |              |              | Level 3 (216-242% FPL) |             |             |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                               | July 2025              | June 2025    | May 2025     | July 2025              | June 2025    | May 2025     | July 2025              | June 2025   | May 2025    |
| Approved Households           | 557                    | 523          | 457          | 178                    | 160          | 144          | 67                     | 64          | 63          |
| Children Served               | 896                    | 869          | 840          | 255                    | 244          | 233          | 85                     | 82          | 86          |
| Payments                      | \$655,039.38           | \$658,892.08 | \$632,516.03 | \$178,027.57           | \$183,503.67 | \$179,678.09 | \$61,416.50            | \$57,050.01 | \$67,002.02 |
| Average Payment per Household | \$341                  | \$328        | \$319        | \$331                  | \$330        | \$333        | \$350                  | \$329       | \$336       |
| Average Payment per Child     | \$324                  | \$327        | \$326        | \$358                  | \$356        | \$356        | \$370                  | \$368       | \$367       |

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

|                 |  | Children Served July 2025 | Payments July 2025 |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Under Age 1     |  | 1,167                     | \$1,802,740        |
| AGE 1           |  | 2,801                     | \$4,404,945        |
| AGE 2           |  | 3,704                     | \$3,747,505        |
| AGE 3           |  | 4,182                     | \$3,389,880        |
| AGE 4           |  | 3,900                     | \$3,168,241        |
| AGE 5           |  | 3,088                     | \$2,057,727        |
| AGE 6           |  | 1,788                     | \$1,049,987        |
| AGE 7           |  | 1,378                     | \$776,312          |
| AGE 8           |  | 1,174                     | \$658,534          |
| AGE 9           |  | 945                       | \$540,622          |
| AGE 10          |  | 741                       | \$416,351          |
| AGE 11          |  | 518                       | \$289,034          |
| AGE 12          |  | 364                       | \$207,954          |
| AGE 13          |  | 146                       | \$91,525           |
| Age 14 and Over |  | 34                        | \$24,871           |
| Total           |  | 25,930                    | \$45               |
|                 |  |                           | \$22,626,272       |

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

July 2025

\*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

| Applications Received |       | Applications Approved | Applications Rejected | Percent Rejected | Total Resolved | 15 Days or Less | More Than 15 Days | Percent Over 15 Da.. |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cape Girardeau        | 344   | 134                   | 104                   | 18.6%            | 238            | 110             | 76                | 40.9%                |
| Columbia              | 197   | 78                    | 60                    | 17.8%            | 138            | 78              | 41                | 34.5%                |
| Jefferson City        | 235   | 99                    | 84                    | 21.2%            | 183            | 76              | 50                | 39.7%                |
| Macon                 | 100   | 41                    | 22                    | 13.8%            | 63             | 36              | 23                | 39.0%                |
| Not Selected          | 1,664 | 1,207                 | 207                   | 7.6%             | 1,414          | 484             | 285               | 37.1%                |
| Raytown               | 763   | 347                   | 243                   | 19.0%            | 590            | 260             | 160               | 38.1%                |
| Springfield           | 382   | 194                   | 107                   | 16.2%            | 301            | 132             | 85                | 39.2%                |
| St. Louis             | 1,210 | 509                   | 340                   | 17.3%            | 849            | 459             | 243               | 34.6%                |
| Total                 | 4,895 | 2,609                 | 1,167                 | 14.4%            | 3,776          | 1,635           | 963               | 37.1%                |

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

July 2025

| Region         | Education | Employment | Homeless | Incapacitated Pare.. | Job Search | Not Available | Protective Services | Special Need | Training | Grand Total |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| Cape Girardeau | 159       | 1,522      | 38       | 7                    | 332        | 66            | 681                 | 27           | 12       | 2,592       |
| Columbia       | 107       | 764        | 41       | 8                    | 189        | 46            | 293                 | 12           | 21       | 1,311       |
| Jefferson City | 91        | 894        | 26       | 10                   | 236        | 56            | 445                 | 9            | 13       | 1,636       |
| Macon          | 44        | 405        | 7        | 2                    | 79         | 19            | 194                 | 9            | 4        | 698         |
| Not Selected   | 720       | 4,998      | 133      | 21                   | 1,313      | 439           | 1,705               | 69           | 140      | 7,831       |
| Raytown        | 491       | 2,739      | 267      | 16                   | 993        | 156           | 834                 | 52           | 124      | 4,904       |
| Springfield    | 194       | 1,503      | 60       | 7                    | 368        | 67            | 648                 | 34           | 21       | 2,628       |
| St. Louis      | 902       | 5,313      | 420      | 57                   | 1,594      | 363           | 1,009               | 111          | 167      | 8,613       |
| Total          | 1,979     | 13,097     | 877      | 107                  | 3,776      | 770           | 4,124               | 254          | 361      | 22,367      |

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

|                      | Households |           |          | Children  |           |          |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                      | July 2025  | June 2025 | May 2025 | July 2025 | June 2025 | May 2025 |
| Education            | 1,979      | 1,964     | 1,863    | 3,182     | 3,245     | 3,187    |
| Employment           | 13,097     | 12,981    | 12,385   | 22,534    | 22,919    | 22,596   |
| Homeless             | 877        | 853       | 775      | 1,173     | 1,135     | 1,039    |
| Incapacitated Parent | 107        | 105       | 99       | 156       | 170       | 157      |
| Job Search           | 3,776      | 3,849     | 3,696    | 3,495     | 3,589     | 3,442    |
| Not Available        | 770        | 780       | 776      | 1,648     | 1,813     | 1,962    |
| Protective Services  | 4,124      | 4,015     | 3,791    | 6,813     | 6,941     | 6,958    |
| Special Need         | 254        | 248       | 217      | 402       | 396       | 367      |
| Training             | 361        | 358       | 350      | 587       | 576       | 570      |
| Total                | 22,367     | 22,244    | 21,241   | 35,092    | 35,805    | 35,457   |

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

|                               | July 2025 | June 2025 | May 2025 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| African American (Black)      | 16,659    | 17,035    | 16,821   |
| American/Alaskan Native       | 297       | 307       | 307      |
| Asian                         | 97        | 100       | 96       |
| Caucasian (White)             | 13,012    | 13,281    | 13,216   |
| Multi-Racial                  | 3,773     | 3,807     | 3,744    |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.. | 58        | 61        | 58       |
| Other                         | 572       | 592       | 592      |
| Prefer not to answer          | 644       | 659       | 660      |
| Unknown                       | 3         | 4         | 5        |
| Total                         | 35,092    | 35,805    | 35,457   |

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

|                      | July 2025 | June 2025 | May 2025 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Hispanic             | 5.8%      | 5.8%      | 5.8%     |
| Non-Hispanic         | 90.8%     | 90.7%     | 90.7%    |
| Prefer not to answer | 3.5%      | 3.5%      | 3.5%     |
| Total                | 100.0%    | 100.0%    | 100.0%   |



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

July 2025

\*excludes Protective Services households

| Household Size | Approved Households | % of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down) | Average Household Monthly Income |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0              | 0                   | 0.0%                                                | \$2,325                          |
| 1              | 326                 | 1.5%                                                | \$51                             |
| 2              | 6,544               | 29.3%                                               | \$933                            |
| 3              | 7,206               | 32.2%                                               | \$1,167                          |
| 4              | 5,259               | 23.5%                                               | \$1,328                          |
| 5              | 2,829               | 12.6%                                               | \$1,406                          |
| 6              | 1,334               | 6.0%                                                | \$1,360                          |
| 7 or More      | 1,001               | 4.5%                                                | \$1,261                          |
| Total          | 22,367              | 100.0%                                              | \$1,047                          |

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

| Provider Type  | Provider Facility Type                 | July 2025       |                 |                  | June 2025       |                 |                  | May 2025        |                 |                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                |                                        | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. |
| Exempt         | Exempt Program                         | 423             | \$227,574.07    | \$538            | 517             | \$304,072.57    | \$588            | 565             | \$381,570.95    | \$675            |
|                | Six or Fewer                           | 1,123           | \$585,549.27    | \$521            | 1,115           | \$655,715.37    | \$588            | 1,052           | \$590,355.30    | \$561            |
| License Exempt | Religious Organization/ Nursery School | 1,811           | \$1,212,413.30  | \$669            | 1,827           | \$1,281,318.44  | \$701            | 1,701           | \$1,278,253.20  | \$751            |
| Licensed       | Licensed Child Care Center             | 21,345          | \$19,740,504.37 | \$925            | 21,194          | \$20,551,314.44 | \$970            | 20,516          | \$20,579,277.01 | \$1,003          |
|                | Licensed Family Child Care Home        | 830             | \$593,474.44    | \$715            | 891             | \$653,563.52    | \$734            | 864             | \$623,618.36    | \$722            |
|                | Licensed Group Child Care Home         | 477             | \$264,822.31    | \$555            | 515             | \$288,519.81    | \$560            | 498             | \$287,504.63    | \$577            |
| Total          |                                        | 25,929          | \$22,624,337.76 | \$873            | 25,939          | \$23,734,504.15 | \$915            | 25,098          | \$23,740,579.45 | \$946            |

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

\*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

|                      |                 |                                       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Contracted Providers | Exempt          | Exempt Program                        | 199   | 198   | 194   |
|                      |                 | Six or Fewer                          | 673   | 663   | 660   |
|                      | Licensed        | Licensed Child Care Center            | 1,348 | 1,337 | 1,326 |
|                      |                 | Licensed Family Child Care Home       | 237   | 237   | 236   |
|                      |                 | Licensed Group Child Care Home        | 65    | 64    | 64    |
|                      | Licensed Exempt | Religious Organization/Nursery School | 124   | 123   | 122   |
| Total                |                 |                                       | 2,646 | 2,622 | 2,602 |

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

|                                    | July 2025 | June 2025 | May 2025 | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) | 2,186     | 2,256     | 2,201    | -3.1%                   | -0.7%                      |
| Low Income Housing                 | 2,187     | 2,255     | 2,187    | -3.0%                   | 0.0%                       |
| Medicaid                           | 15,629    | 15,637    | 15,069   | -0.1%                   | 3.7%                       |
| Food Stamps (SNAP)                 | 15,621    | 15,763    | 15,184   | -0.9%                   | 2.9%                       |
| Temporary Assistance (TANF)        | 695       | 699       | 678      | -0.6%                   | 2.5%                       |
| Total                              | 18,836    | 18,929    | 18,273   | -0.5%                   | 3.1%                       |